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# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/3/67

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Wick
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. M.A.Jones

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

At his request I saw the Attorney General at 5 p.m., 3/3/67, in his office. He had previously indicated he desired to discuss the Yugoslav bombing case; however, he brought up the subject of the assassination case first.

I told the AG that, following his call this morning, the Director had instructed me to make a very careful check to ascertain whether any of our people had talked to the press concerning this matter, and particularly whether any FBI personnel had indicated opposition to the AG's statements made on 3/2/67 while up on the Hill. I told the AG that FBI personnel had emphatically denied discussing this matter with the press.

The AG told me that he had received such information from two different sources. The first source was a call from Jack Rosenthal, former Departmental Press Information Officer. The AG stated that Ed Guthman, formerly Bobby Kennedy's press officer, had called Rosenthal from Los Angeles. Guthman told Rosenthal that apparently the FBI was making statements to the press in opposition to the AG's statements. Rosenthal then called the AG to warn him about the FBI's actions.

I told the AG this was obviously an attempt on the part of Rosenthal and Guthman to drive a wedge between the AG and the FBI. I stated that Rosenthal and Guthman had pulled many such tricks in the past.

The AG stated he agreed; that he would not let Rosenthal, Guthman, or anyone else trick him into accusing the FBI of anything. He added, however, that he had heard the same allegation from another source and that, while he certainly believed that the FBI had not made any statements, he hoped that in the future we would continue a "no comment" policy. I told him this had been done in the past and also would be done in the future.

Inasmuch as A.G. would follow same "no comment" policy in this Garrison matter.

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I then briefed the AG regarding the Yugoslav bombing case, on a general basis. I told him the names of the subjects involved and the strong points of evidence that we had obtained. He told me he had not yet discussed the matter with Assistant AG Yeagley; however, he planned to do so within the next day or so. He stated he thought the FBI had done an excellent job and that he would give a decision in this matter immediately following his conversation with Yeagley.

The AG and his wife have been invited to the LBJ Ranch for the weekend; however, they will probably turn this invitation down in view of a minor illness on the part of Mrs. Clark.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

Meantime delay is in favor of the defendants.